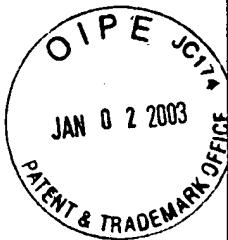


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Enclosed is an Amendment and an Appendix to Amendment responsive to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002.

A claim fee is calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	98	-	72	26	x \$ 18	\$ 468.00
Indep.	10	-	7	3	x \$ 84	252.00
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						Subtotal \$ 720.00
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A fee payment of \$720.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: January 2, 2003

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, the period for reply extending through January 2, 2003 (January 1, 2003 being a federal holiday), please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 91 and 102, without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 81, 92-101, 103-112, 116, and 117, and add new claims 132-159, as follows:

--81. (Amended) An access port device to be implanted in a patient's body, the access port device comprising:

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